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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANALYTICAL SUPPORT CENTER

This paper sets forth a statement of understanding between the Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency, and the Intelligence Community Staff on the establishment of a center for research to aid those production components of the United States Intelligence Community responsible for supporting policy analysis. The following paragraphs contain a discussion of the problem, how the center is to be organized, the focus of its work, its relationship to the Intelligence Community, and the required level of funding.

## Problem

During the past two years, consumers of intelligence analysis products have come to believe that there is a variety of new analytical methods and techniques that have potential for improving intelligence analysis as it relates to the making and implementation of foreign policies. It is their belief that much more can be done to identify, adapt, test, and transfer such techniques and methods to the Intelligence Community's analytical components in an effective manner. Recently efforts have been initiated within CIA in the Offices of Research and Development, Economic Research, Political Research, and Current Intelligence to develop, experiment with, and apply a variety of analytical techniques which have not heretofore been experimented with in the intelligence analysis process; and for the past several years ARPA has been supporting basic and applied research on a variety of new analytical techniques. What is needed, however, is a continuing source of external institutional support to these in-house efforts that will give intelligence analysts an opportunity to experiment with the use of different approaches to solving policy analysis problems outside their normal production responsibilities as well as the capability to obtain ad hoc support on a timely basis.

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